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The bill that has been introduced by one of the hon. members for Victoria City to grant jurisdiction to justices of the peace in civil cases, scarcely meets the requirements of the colony in respect of providing a simple and inexpensive remedy for debts of a small amount. Most unquestionably the present system is exceedingly bad, and it would be better to give jurisdiction to the magistrates than to leave matters in statu quo. But a separate judge for the small debts court, who would hold his sittings in the different districts of the island as occasion might require, and in Victoria on certain fixed days—once a week, or once a fortnight, as might be necessary; the oftener the better, in order that the business might be rapidly disposed of. We are by no means desirous of encouraging litigation; on the contrary, we believe that the very fact of a rapid dispatch of business in the so-called Summary Court would put an end to a great deal of unnecessary litigation. At present a debtor who does not wish to pay knows that by putting off his payment, even after he is summoned, he can avoid a final settlement for a month or two. The business of the court is always in arrears, and it seems impossible that it should be otherwise when the presiding judge has so much other more important business to attend to. If we had a judge sitting in the town three stated days in every month, he would probably get through most of the business. An adjournment would of course occasionally be necessary, but if the court were held in a building devoted exclusively to small causes, and in a convenient situation, there would be very little difficulty in getting through the business. We should be glad to see the hon. member enlarging the scope of his bill. We cannot believe that it would work well to thrust the additional duties of small debt judge sitting alternate weeks in Victoria and New Westminster, having concurrent jurisdiction in the two colonies. There is no doubt that good would accrue in both colonies from some sort of amalgamation in the courts of law. Here is a fair field for the exercise of the talents of some of our members, and we believe both colonies would welcome the introduction of such a measure.

The gloom of winter is upon us, and yet we see no sign of lighting up our streets with gas. We cannot however suppose that our city council have entirely given up the idea of giving us some little security in traversing the streets in the dark nights during which so many from one cause or another are going to and fro through the city. In the present state of the streets it cannot be denied that in many places it is unsafe to attempt to cross the thoroughfares after dark. In the principal streets where there is much traffic, the crossings are not so bad, but the foot passenger attempt to cross Government street fifty yards below the St. Nicholas Hotel after dark, and he will find that the necessity for lights is not exaggerated. We do not seek to urge the corporation into any reckless extravagance, but we would remind them that the revenue is likely to be larger next year than it has during that just past, whilst the expenses in all probability will not be so large. The heaviest undertakings have been completed, if we except a system of sewerage and drainage, and it is not likely that the council will attempt these works without a sufficient capital to carry them out efficiently and completely. We may therefore look for some such minor improvements to our city as can be effected out of the annual income, and amongst these we may count the lighting of the streets as one of the foremost. It is not so much in the heart of the city that want is felt, as in the outskirts, where the lights from the houses do not cast any light over the roads or the crossings, and where the imperfect nature of the streets is more sensibly felt than in those parts of the city where the streets are more perfectly laid down. The continuance of the sidewalks in their present condition is not to be tolerated; a city with a population as large as that of Victoria, must not be left in such a state that the inhabitants cannot safely walk from one end to the other at night. Many improvements have been made in the city during the past year, but there is considerable room for more. Great hopes are entertained of the efficiency of our new council, we trust they will not disappoint the electors. There is ample opportunity for each and all of our councillors to perform his duty towards the city. They have come into office during the dependence of a law suit, the result of which may one way or another materially affect the council and the citizens. It may become necessary before the taxation question is set at rest, to take a public vote upon it, and we would warn the council that to carry the people with them in all their measures is not difficult, and—where it is possible it is undoubtedly politic.

The administration of justice in the civil courts of this colony is confessedly open to improvement in many respects. There are many reforms required, but there is one which from its simplicity and desirability we would specially urge upon the notice of our representatives. In many of the British colonies and dependencies a provision is made for the protection of the very poor who may have claims which they are legally as well as morally entitled to recover from persons in a more prosperous station in life than themselves. A solicitor is specially appointed by the court to conduct what are technically called pauper cases, and the small fees which are allowed in these cases are paid out of the suitor's fund. No suits are allowed to be instituted by paupers without the special leave of the court, which is usually granted on the certificate of the pauper's attorney that the case is a proper one to go to trial, and on proof that the plaintiff is not able to pay his own costs of suit. We presume that the Chief Justice would at present have the power on application of a poor plaintiff, to allow him to sue in forma pauperis; but we believe that there is no power existing which enables the court to assign attorney or counsel to a pauper, and consequently a man who has a just demand against another who is able to pay, if he is without money, has but little redress. He can hardly expect that, little redress. He can hardly expect that, little redress. He can hardly expect that, little redress.

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Victoria, Esquimalt, Metehoon and Seaway  
passed by the Court of Reviewers, on the 1st instant,  
and that the Assessment is now payable into the  
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By order of the Governor,  
ALEXANDER WATSON,  
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Victoria, V. I., Dec. 3d, 1863.  
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## COMMERCIAL.

**Sales at Auction This Day.**  
J. P. DAVIES & CO. will sell at 11 o'clock, a.m., at store on Wharf street, Olmstead's Stores, Groceries and provisions, consisting of Pickles, Olives, Sugars, Rice, Soap, Currants, Ham, Candles, etc., etc.

**MARINE INTELLIGENCE.**  
ENTERED.  
Dec. 3.—Star Enterprise, Mount, New Westminster.  
Schr Gen. HARVEY, Oley, Port Angeles.

**SUPREME COURT.**  
(BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP CHIEF JUSTICE CAMERON.)

**Farrell vs. McLaughlin.** Mr. McLaughlin vs. Farrell.—Yesterday was the day appointed for judgment to be delivered in the above cases, which have been pending nearly a year.

His Honor intimated that from the documentary evidence before him he thought that there was *prima facie* case of partnership.

Mr. Cary warmly contended that His Honor was guided in coming to that conclusion by a perusal of an answer filed by McLaughlin which thought on oath, had not been read and was therefore not evidence.

Mr. Ring and Mr. McCreight urged that the Court should not allow any argument, as counsel had come prepared to take judgment only.

Mr. Cary persisted in calling His Honor's attention to the point he had advanced.

His Honor.—I have read the proceedings taken on the first day, and consider that a *prima facie* case of partnership has been established.

Mr. Cary.—But I say your Lordship has no business to come to that conclusion because you have not perused a document which which you have not right to do. Does your Lordship mean to call that answer evidence?

The judge here stated that he wished to have all the facts before him, and would examine the evidence on both sides, and would examine the plaintiff and defendant respectively.

Mr. Cary contended that His Honor could not examine the defendant McLaughlin.

Mr. Ring and Mr. McCreight quoted from Smith's Chancery Practice and said that the court had the power of examining both parties.

His Honor said he thought he had the power and would make an order for the examination of the plaintiff, at all events, at 11 a.m. this day.

Mr. Cary here gave vent to a few expressions of indignation of the manner in which the business of the court was conducted, and concluded by observing that he would advise any client consulted him, he should advise him to ent his throat, to avoid the inevitable torture of the disgraceful proceedings of that court.

**GOING HOME.**—We understand that the colony is about to lose the services of a valuable and efficient officer, in the person of Mr. Marshall, R. N., gunner of H. M. S. Grappler. The admiral having granted his application to be allowed to proceed to England, and an officer having been sent out to fill his place, who joined the gunboat on its arrival at Nanaimo. Mr. Marshall will leave for England by the first opportunity. The services rendered by the gunboats on this station are numerous, and at times not a little irksome. To Her Majesty's ships in this remote part of the empire we are indebted for our protection; but the gunboats fulfil many other duties besides those which belong to a man-of-war. They have charge of our light houses, they communicate with the remote settlements; they convey settlers from place to place; on more than one occasion they have gone to the relief of distressed vessels. The forward services in that respect are not forgotten. To officers and men therefore, we are largely indebted, and in the case of the Grappler no one merits our thanks more than Mr. Marshall, on whom, as chief gunner, the principal part of the work of the ship was thrown. We believe we are correct in saying that the unwillingness of the commander-in-chief to recommend his application arose from the assurance of the commander of the Grappler that he "was coming very ill by sea." We trust his successor may prove equally efficient; and to himself we can but wish health and success in his profession wherever his duties may call him in years to come.

**THEATRICAL.**—The touching drama Griseldis was reproduced last night at the Grissold Theatre with unequalled success, and was witnessed by a highly intelligent and respectable audience. Julia Dean Haynes and Mr. J. H. Taylor did equal justice to the hero and heroine of the piece, and their masterly performances were received with frequent loud demonstrations of approbation. By those who delight in witnessing harrowing scenes, intended to work upon the strongest feelings of human nature, the character of Griseldis may be designated one of Mrs. Haynes' grandest efforts. For our part we confess that we prefer seeing that talented lady in a more agreeable place of the stage, and we are delighted with the amusing farce of "The Maid with the Milk Pail," in which Miss Bell Divino, Mr. Potter, Mr. Raly, and Mr. Thorne kept the house alive with fun and frolic, and even the "Shark" appeared as "As You Like It," will be presented.

**THE GAMBLING CASE.**—The following men (all colored) were placed in the dock of the Police Court yesterday, upon a charge of being engaged in gambling:—Daniel Moran, Edward Tulloch, William Johnson, Charles Evans, Robt. Thompson, Henry Stone, Timothy Sutter, Jose Chevas, George Valdez. They were all remanded until to-day, upon the application of Mr. Bishop, who with Mr. Wright, appeared for the defence. The Bench consented to accept moderate bail for the appearance of the parties charged.

**LYCER.**—This place of amusement continues to draw full houses, the great attraction at present being the burlesque negro opera entitled "Oh hush!" which causes infinite amusement. The imitator Johnny Edwards will make his first bow to night as a beneficiary. He has been at great pains to present an attractive bill and we feel sure that Johnny's numerous friends will muster strong on the occasion.

**SALE OF THE GYMNASIUM.**—This hall, with the lot on Broughton street, 309 1/2, was sold at auction yesterday by Mr. J. A. McCreight. The apparatus and fittings were knocked down to Mr. John Dickson for \$100.

**MESSRS. COE AND MARTIN** have laid down their mains for the supplying the city with water from Spring Ridge, as far as Blanchard street, and are energetically pushing forward their works to completion.

**FRESH EGGS** are scarce in town just now at \$1.25 to \$1.50 per dozen. A few hundred dollars invested in omelette (to coin a phrase) would speedily realise handsome returns at these rates.

**WISKEY TRAFFIC.**—A half-breed, named John Lewis, was convicted yesterday before Mr. O'Reilly of supplying whiskey to Indians, and was fined \$100 or three months imprisonment.

Through the ill-health of the proprietor, one of the most flourishing hotels and restaurants in the city is now for sale by private contract. See notice in our advertising columns.

**FROM NEW WESTMINSTER.**—The steamer Caladenia arrived yesterday from the river, bringing only a few passengers, and very little treasure.

**RING MAYER OF VICTORIA.**—His Honor was not prepared yesterday to deliver judgment in the above matter.

**THE GUNBOAT FORWARD** came into port from San Juan Island yesterday morning.

## COMMITTEE ON CROWN LANDS.

**THURSDAY, Dec. 3, 1893.**  
The Committee met this a.m. at 11 o'clock. Mr. F. Green, C. O., was examined. Had been in the colony since '58; had surveyed Metochin, a subdivision of Nanaimo district, and suburban lots around the town of Newwascot, this last was in '61. The survey was for the Government, and was in March, '61; surveyed part of Beckley Farm for the Government; ran the boundary line between the park and the farm, in '61; had also surveyed land for the Hudson Bay Co. By Mr. Ridge.—The boundary line was not now the same as when laid down by me; the line as surveyed by me was attested by Mr. Pearce, and accepted by the government. The Hudson Bay Co. part of the survey was in the line made by myself when I surveyed it; the house and grounds now owned by Mr. Morris were within the park boundary, as was also the ground now occupied by Mr. Morris' house.

By Mr. Duncan.—Describe the position of the line laid down by you as the boundary of the park? A.—From the N.W. corner of the park the line runs south 11° 30' E. to the Strait of Juan de Fuca, and is 60 chains and 14 links in length.

By Mr. Ridge.—Were several lots sold which were within the limits of the park? A.—Yes, lots 1811, 1810, 1809, part of 1808, 1770, 1769, 1750, 1755, 1756, 1757, 1758, 1759, 1760, 1761, 1762, 1763, 1764, 1765, 1766, 1767, 1768, 1769, 1770, 1771, 1772, 1773, 1774, 1775, 1776, 1777, 1778, 1779, 1780, 1781, 1782, 1783, 1784, 1785, 1786, 1787, 1788, 1789, 1790, 1791, 1792, 1793, 1794, 1795, 1796, 1797, 1798, 1799, 1800, 1801, 1802, 1803, 1804, 1805, 1806, 1807, 1808, 1809, 1810, 1811, 1812, 1813, 1814, 1815, 1816, 1817, 1818, 1819, 1820, 1821, 1822, 1823, 1824, 1825, 1826, 1827, 1828, 1829, 1830, 1831, 1832, 1833, 1834, 1835, 1836, 1837, 1838, 1839, 1840, 1841, 1842, 1843, 1844, 1845, 1846, 1847, 1848, 1849, 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856, 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 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